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PAARAgraphs

Celebrating 67 years as an *active* ham radio club—*Since 1937*
Newsletter for the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

CALENDAR

Aug.....6	PAARA Meeting, 7:30 Menlo Park Recreation Center 700 Alma Street, Menlo Park
Aug.....11	PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30 Red Cross Bld., 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto
Sept.....3	PAARA Meeting, 7:30
Sept.....8	PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30
Sept.....11	PAARA Annual Picnic 12 noon to ? 416 Vista Verde Way, Portola Valley, (650-851-2274)
Oct.....1	PAARA Meeting, 7:30
Oct.....6	PAARA Board Meeting, 7:30



PROGRAM

August 6, 2004 7:30 P.

Speaker:
Bob Vallio, W6RGG**Program:****"The BPL THREAT"**
How Broadband Over Power Lines AffectsJoin us for pre-meeting eyeball
at Su Hong Restaurant, 1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park
Food will be served at 6:00 sharp, so guests will be on time for the PAARA meeting.
Those arriving late will be responsible for their own order and bill.—PAARA Radio NET every Monday evening at 8:30 P.M., local time—
on the 145.230 -600 MHz repeater, PL tone off

PAARA Annual Picnic

Saturday, September 11, 2004

12:00 noon –“ till the cows come home”

Picnic: 12:00 noon – till the cows come home

- at the Rice's home

416 Vista Verde Way, Portola Valley, (650-851-2274)

Who can attend: PAARA Members and Family**RSVP:** If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jim or Lisa Rice no later than Saturday, September 4th at k6ak@arrl.net or 650-851-2274. RSVP by email is preferred. When you RSVP, please let Lisa or Jim know if you can arrive early to help with food preparation and set up.**Carpooling:** Carpooling to the Rice's home is encouraged, as parking is limited.**Directions:** Please see the map in next month's PAARA-graphs. House is behind #30 at end of driveway. If you get lost try N6NFI repeater 145.23 (-600 PL 100).**Bring your "radios" and operate the ARRL VHF QSO
Party Contest at 1900' elevation!**

~K6AK Jim

PAARA Website: www.paara.org**PAARA Forum:** <http://www.paara.org/forum/>**August 6th 7:30****ARRL Pacific Division Director & Speaker:****Bob Vallio, W6RGG**

Bob is a very active DXer and made the "Top Of The Honor Roll" in 1982 with a DX count of 365 Mixed, 362 SSB, and similar CW results. He was voted into the prestigious FOC, First Class CW Operators Club and is a member of CQ DX Hall of Fame. Bob spends a lot of his time speaking to groups about BPL and other important issues, as part of his ongoing work as our ARRL Pacific Division Director.

"Thank You Bob, for all your contributions and help!"

~K6AK Jim

ELECTRONIC FLEA MARKET

Oct. 9 West Valley Amateur Radio Association.

(please send changes to PAARAglyphs editor: k6uro@arrl.net)

Ron Panton, W6VG & Leslie Vickery, W6AKR
Joe Gomes, KB6HDC

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PAARA MEMBER UPGRADES TO EXTRA CLASS.

On Saturday, July 10, 2004, well known and popular PAARA member Mark Cohen, KR1PTO, sat for, passed and earned his Extra Class License at the Sunnyvale VE testing session.

As you may recall, Mark was one of the recent graduates of the PAARA code class in March and April. He upgraded almost immediately to General Class after successfully passing his CW test due to the commitment that he made to himself. Please congratulate Mark when you see or speak with him.

~Terry Finn. AF6TF

MEMBER PROFILE

JOEY STITH, RN, KI4DUK. The PAARA field day site attracted a lot of interested and interesting people, including another health care professional from out of State. **Mr. Joey Stith, KI4DUK**, is a practicing registered nurse who is a rather specialized pediatric intensive care RN. Joey is currently working at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto on a short term contract. He learned of the PAARA field day activities from a newspaper article and checked out our PAARAsite at www.paara.org for all of the details.

Joey is from Raleigh, North Carolina, where he lives with his rather patient & understanding wife Marjorie and their two kids, Andrew and Austin. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1987 as a chemist and worked in the environmental toxic clean up industry as a testing technician before he went back to school at the Wake Technical Community College in North Carolina. In 1992 he graduated with his Registered Nursing credential and worked at the Wakemed Hospital for 12 years before being bitten by the traveling bug.

Joey signed on with a company known as 'Cross Country Trav Corps', based in Boca Raton, Florida. (did you know that boca raton in spanish is translated as rats mouth?). They provide specialized health care professionals on a short term contractual basis for any health care organization that needs these expensive specialists. Joey has had the opportunity to work at such diverse places as: the A.I. Dupont Hospital for Children, located on the Dupont estate in Wilmington, Delaware, and in Little Rock, Arkansas, near the home of President Bill Clinton.

Joey joined the Ozark Wireless Society in Springdale, Arkansas, to prepare for his amateur radio license test. He had to travel 2 and one half hours to the nearest VE session to earn his license, **KI4DUK**, in January 2004. He currently owns and operates a Yaesu VX-5 and uses a J-pole antenna from his temporary digs in Palo Alto.

PAARA welcomes Joey and encourages him to up-grade his license status while living in this part of the beautiful State of California. Please say hello to Joey at the meetings before he heads off to his next exciting assignment.

~Terry Finn. AF6TF

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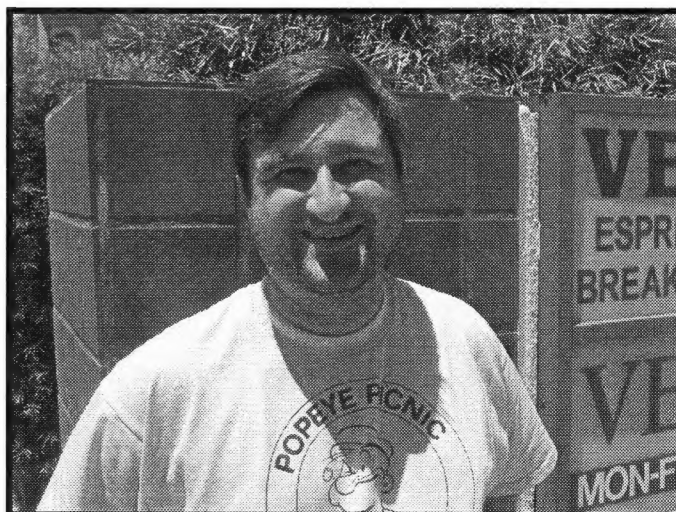
PAARA member **Mike Fisher, KG6QXO**, is a graduate of the PAARA code class and recently up graded his license status to General Class. We were able to briefly interview Mike at the PAARA Field Day site during a break from the hectic activities of tearing down towers, antenna's and getting things stored for next year.

It appears as if we are going to lose Mike as an active member of PAARA as he and his wife Judy will be moving south to the San Diego area as they are both moving on in their professional careers. For those of you who were not aware of it, Mike and Judy were married in March, this year. Congratulations to the both of you and all the best in your new adventures.

Mike is originally from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where he graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science and physics in 1970. Mike designed a rather unique data base system for the Algerian Government and actually lived in Algiers, Africa for a period of time. When he left the oil industry he took a position with Xerox Computers in Calgary, Alberta, Canada as a systems analyst. They moved him to Toronto, Ontario, Canada in 1980 and all the way to Palo Alto in 1984. He worked in artificial intelligence for the Palo Alto Research Center which was operated by Xerox. Several years later Mike moved over to Trimble Navigation in Sunnyvale as the Director of Corporate Marketing. One of his big sales was the new GPS systems sold to General Motors. In recent years Mike has worked at a company that designed and manufactured vehicle performance diagnostic equipment that worked in real time. Most recently Mike has been involved in high tech patents where he finds applications and funding for new technology.

Good luck & 73, Mike, from all your friends at PAARA.

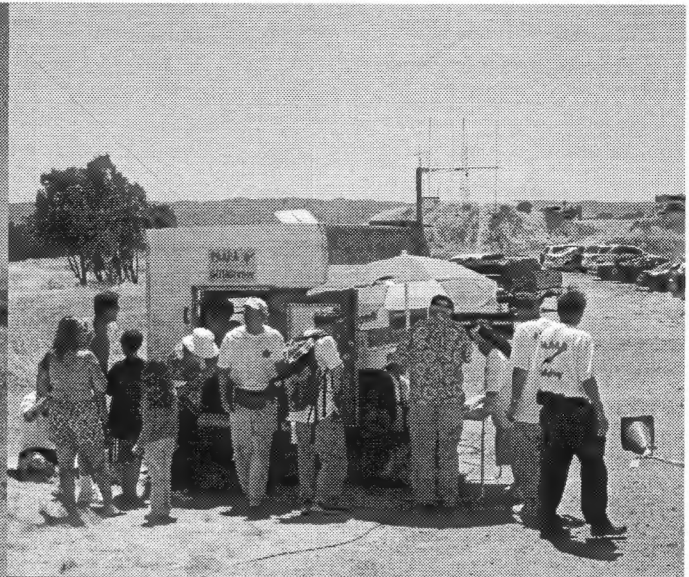
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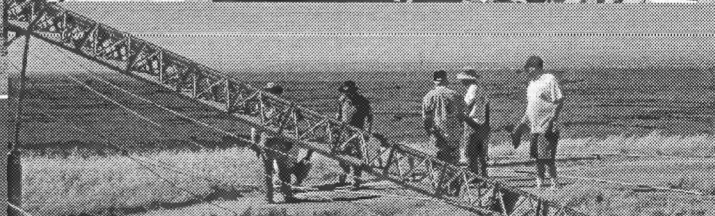
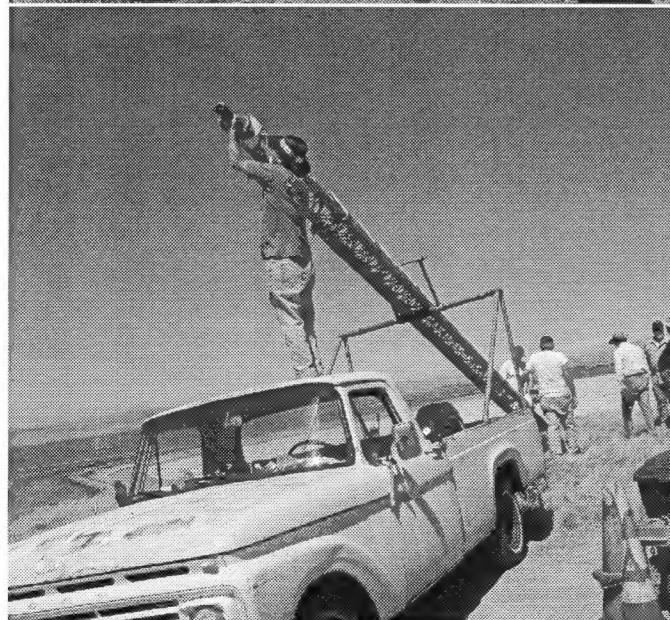
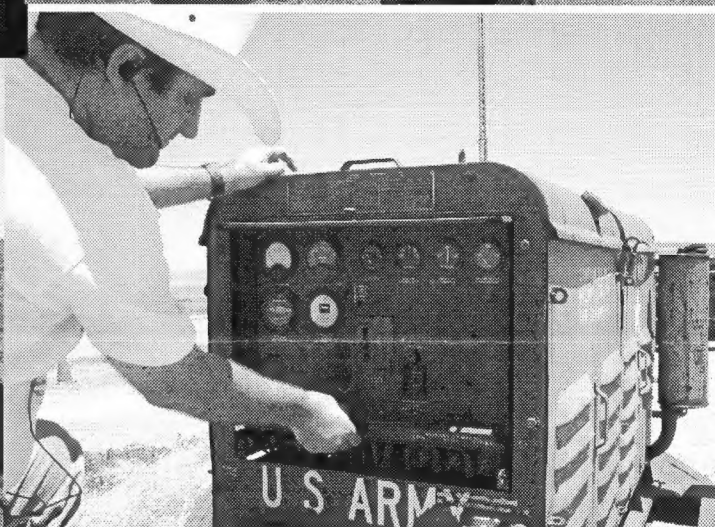
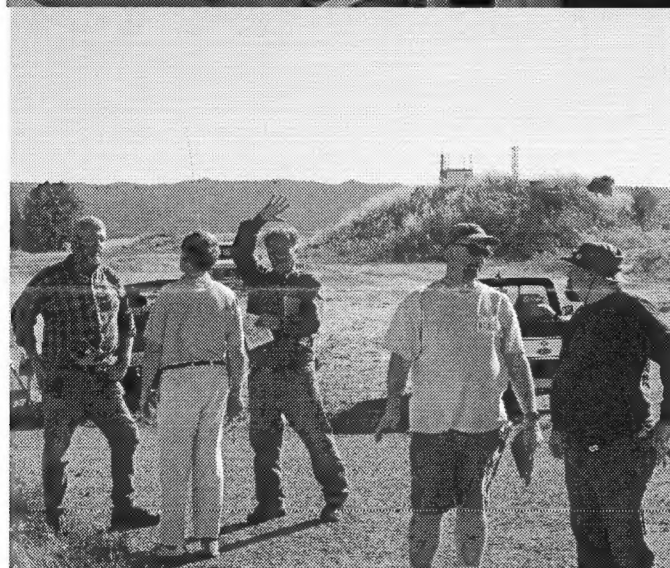
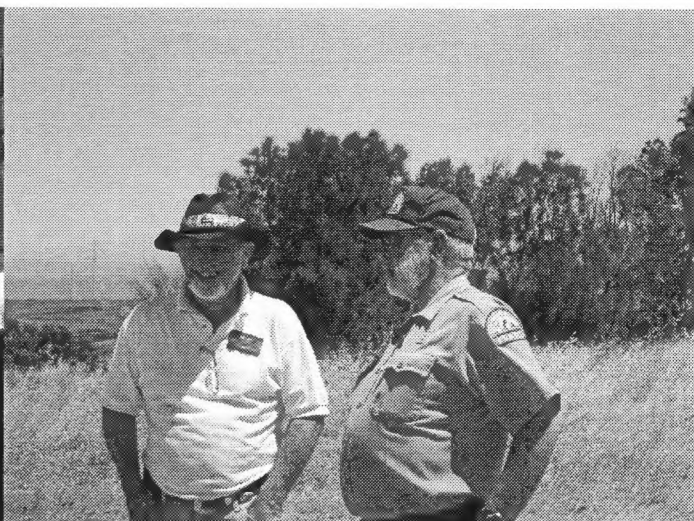
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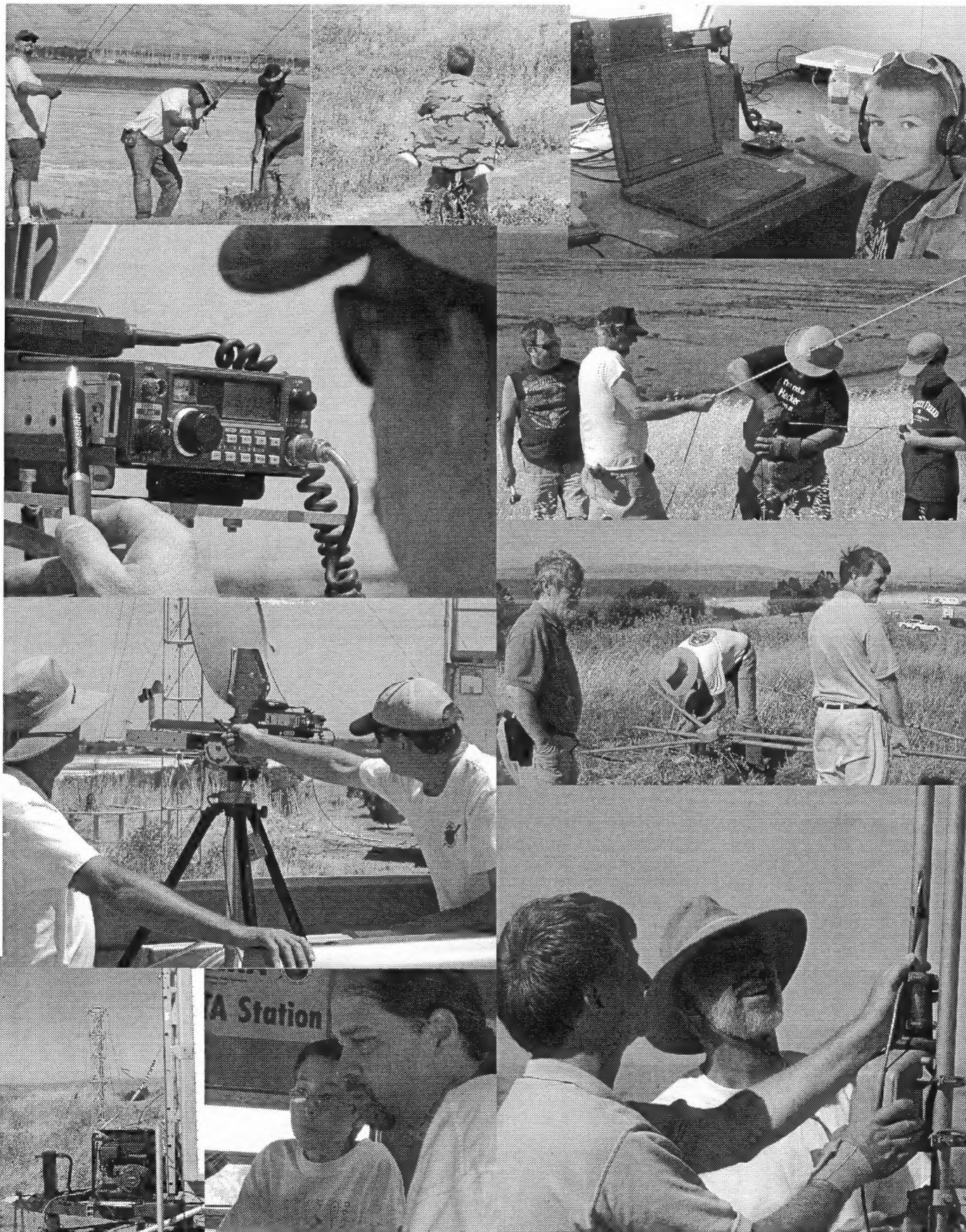


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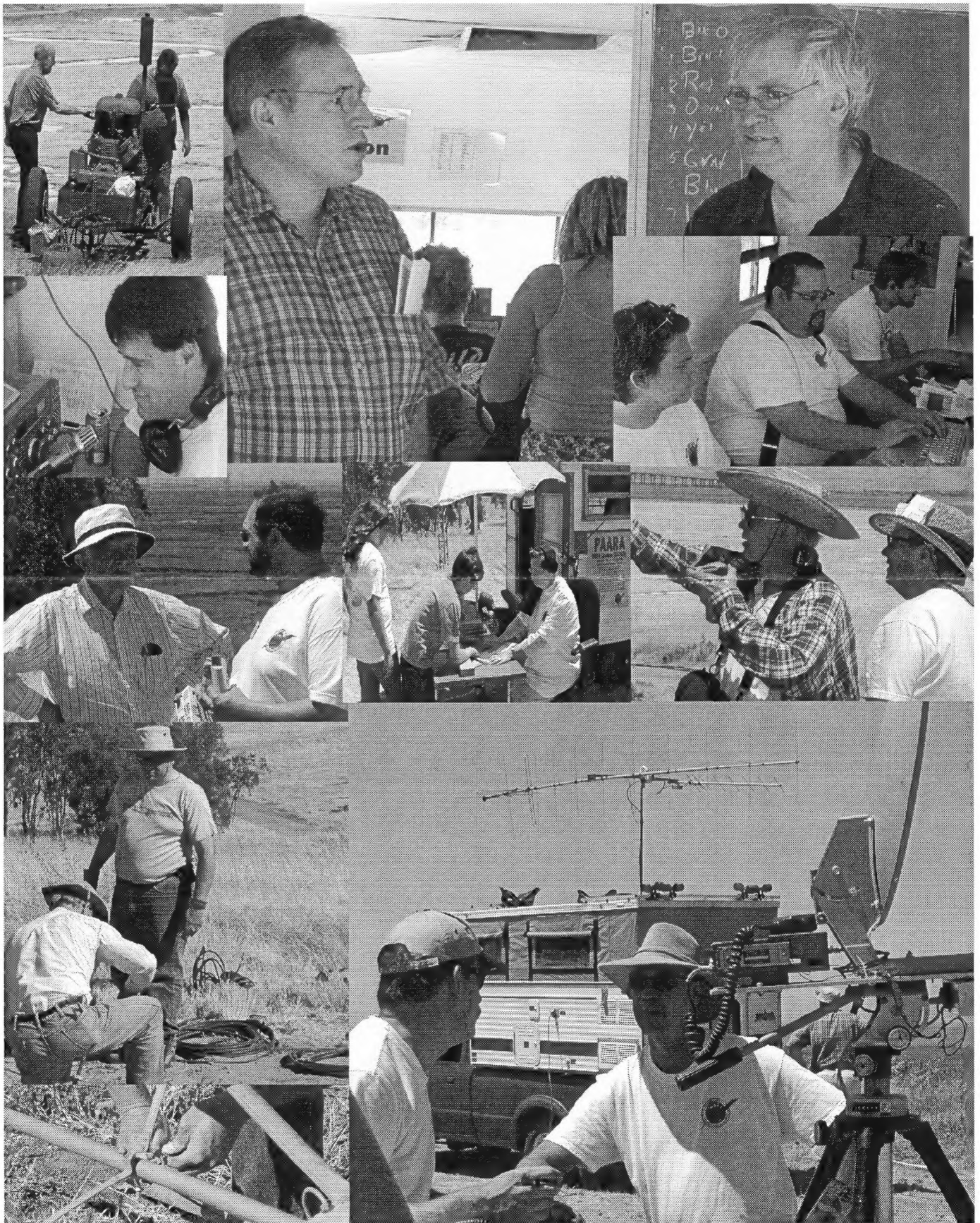


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PAARA FIELD DAY PARTICIPANTS.

Many PAARA members attended the Field Day activities and most of them were able to participate in some manner during the event at the end of June. Those efforts will be reflected in the overall scores that PAARA has submitted to the ARRL. The results of our club efforts will be detailed in a memo provided by the PAARA treasurer, **Ron Chester, W6AZ**. To provide a brief overview of what some of the PAARA members were doing, kindly read on as we describe their activities.

MIKEY FURMAN, KD6OCS.

On Friday, Mikey assisted with the tower erection and antenna installation. He brought along his IBM ThinkPad that was running the Linux operating system and using the GMFSK software. He set up the PSK and RTTY station using his ICOM 706 and was able to download the ARRL bulletin via RTTY all within five minutes of being asked to obtain that first bulletin for extra points. He operated PSK, (for the first time ever at a PAARA event) during the early morning hours of Sunday and actually worked Japan.

Mikey also assisted **Bill Rausch, AA6PA**, with some serious computer problems that Bill had run into with his satellite station. Mikey was able to get that system up and running as well. Mikey also sent an NTS message and ran under natural electrical power for some of his radio communications. All of this was for the extra points that PAARA was able to earn for participation in this ARRL event. To round out his services to PAARA, Mikey traveled around the Field Day site on Sunday and picked up all of the direction signs and placed them into the PAARA Field Day trailer for use next year. Thank you Mikey!

STEVE BRUNE KG6OUB & IAN BRUNE K6IAN.

Steve and his son Ian, had spent numerous hours on the Saturday work parties over several months assisting with the preparation of the PAARA Field Day trailer. They were responsible for cleaning out a lot of old, useless material, painting the interior walls and generally getting the trailer ready for use again in 2004. In fact, they donated several chairs (two office style & 2 folding) and a folding table that were left in the trailer for use next year.

Steve and Ian brought along two laptop computers for use at Field Day and were responsible for erecting all of the directional and informational signs that were observed at the Field Day site. It should be noted that Steve had spent a considerable amount of time, effort and personal expense to design, manufacture and prepare the signs. Many of the signs were brand new for this year with much stronger mounting stakes and attachments. Thank you Steve and Ian.

DOUG TETER, KG6LWE.

Doug was one of a number of PAARA volunteers who had been involved in the Saturday work parties preparing the Field Day trailer and related equipment. He had been able to repair and service the small club generator that had experienced a fuel pump failure. Doug was actually responsible for handling and preparing both generators and feeding them during the event. He believes that they were consuming fuel at about one gallon per hour while they were running and providing electricity at the site.

Doug could be considered the event 'tool man', as he seemed to have all the necessary tools and ancillary equipment to get things together and working throughout the entire Field Day activity. Thank you Doug for all of your efforts again this year.

COMMENTS.

We do not have the space here in PAARAgaphs to list all of the participants or their specific contributions, so please do not be of-

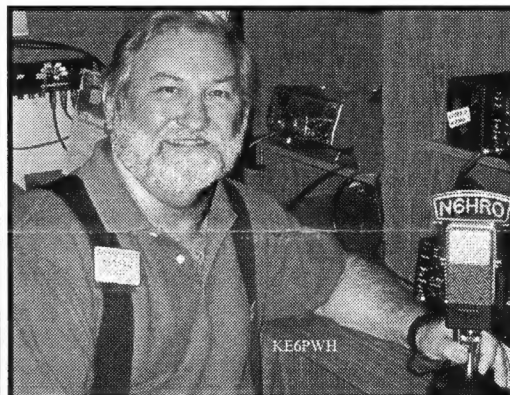
fended if we did not mention your name. The over all event coordinator, Gerry Tucker, N6NV, knows who you are and wants to thank all of you who were able to take the time to participate and make PAARA a viable contender in the ARRL contest.

~Terry Finn. AF6TF

FIRE DESTROYS HAM SHACK AND HOME.

Tragedy struck on Saturday, June 19/04 at the personal residence of PAARA member Howard Califf, KE6PWH. His home in Santa Clara was the scene of a devastating fire which was believed to have started in his ham shack. His son, cat and dog were home at the time, but were able to escape without injury when the fire was detected shortly after 1 AM. The dog was barking, the smoke alarm was buzzing and the cat was already outside prowling when Howard's son ran out the door just in time to observe the smoke detector fall off of the ceiling and melt on the floor.

Howard was away that weekend visiting his brother Mike, AB7OC. They were in Seaside, Oregon, attending the an-



nual SeaPac ham convention.

Howard has stated that the loss was truly tragic, however in his words, "it was just stuff and no one was hurt". He lost his

complete ham shack including computers, most of his furniture and almost all of his clothes. The structure of the home was almost totally destroyed and smoke damage was incredible. However, the insurance company has assured him that they will assist in rebuilding the approximately 1200 square feet of residence that was destroyed and will also attempt to replace most of the contents.

The Fire Department was unable to determine the origin of the fire, although the Insurance Company fire investigator suspects that it may have been a small oscillating desk fan that shorted out electrically and fell over onto a stack of material and equipment in the ham shack. The total loss has been valued at approximately two hundred thousand dollars. Howard claims that he is OK and is dealing with the loss and the on-going administrative paper work that accompanies this type of thing.

PAARA members are encouraged to speak with Howard regarding this terrible, accidental loss and offer up any assistance that they may have for him. Please do not forget that Howard is an active member of PAARA and has been especially helpful and generous to PAARA through his position as manager of the Candy Store. Good luck to you Howard.

~Terry Finn. AF6TF.

PAARA August 6th Meeting and Raffle

PAARA "The Friendliest Club Around"

Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Date and Time: Friday, August 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Menlo Park Recreation Center, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA.

PAARA Website: www.paara.org

Welcome Members and Visitors

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SECOND PRIZE: Garmin eTrex / 12 Channel GPS Receiver

THIRD PRIZE: TWO Cobra FRS / GMRS Radios / Call Alert / Scan

NiMH Batteries with Drop In Charger

Don't forget about the

TWO / FOURTH Place Raffle Prizes plus a Bonus Prize of a

1-year subscription to WORLD RADIO.

Enjoy our fabulous speakers, free refreshments, chatting with your friends, and the chance to take home an unbelievable prize.

See you at Round Table after the meeting! Kyle, Ian and I are having a lot of fun.

THANKS AGAIN FOR MAKING THE MEETINGS VERY EXCITING!

The PAARA Raffle is FULL of SURPRISES and YOUR LUCKY DAY may be August 6th

Contact Kyle, KG6MSK and Ian, K6IAN, "Two of PAARA's youngest members" for tickets at the meeting.

Members and Visitors: THANK YOU for your continued support of the PAARA Raffle!

Since February 2003 43 Radios, including an ICOM 706 MK IIG have gone to Fellow Hams, THANKS TO YOU and the PAARA Raffle!

Special Thanks to Howard and HRO for their continued SUPPORT!

~K6AK Jim

Congratulations:

PAARA Raffle Prize Winners / July 9th 2004

1st Prize: Mark Marriott WE6N/ Yaesu FT-2800M 65W Mobile Rig

2nd Prize: Bob Golder WA2CFN/ Icom IC-T2H 5W HT

3rd Prize: Don Frevert KG6GLU/ TWO Uniden FRS Radios with charger

4th Prize: Rob Goodson KG6QQC/ Declined Prize / "Thanks Rob"

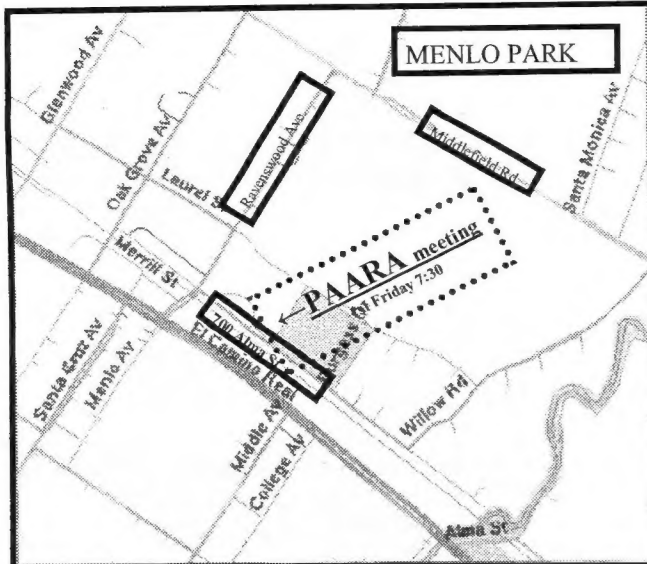
4th Prize: Will Cromarty N6WIL/ Station Log

Bonus Prize: Joey Stith KI4DUK/ 1 Year Subscription to WORLD RADIO

PAARA Members and Visitors: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of the upcoming PAARA 2004 Dream to Reality Raffle II as well as the exciting monthly raffles! Since Feb. 03, 43 Radios, including an ICOM 706 MK IIG have gone to Fellow Hams, THANKS TO YOU!

PAARA is having a remarkable year in 2004, and if you aren't a member, please join PAARA and experience fun events with the friendliest club around.

~K6AK Jim



Howard at HRO says: "HAM accessories and gift certificates are available at HRO"

"Congratulations PAARA on a successful year."

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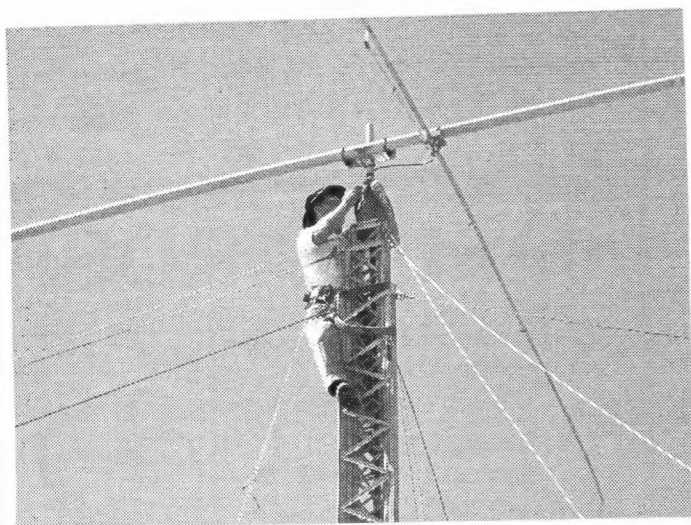
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Membership in PAARA is \$12.00 per calendar year which includes a subscription to PAARAgaphs, \$6 for additional family members (no newsletter).

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